

# The Dead Horse

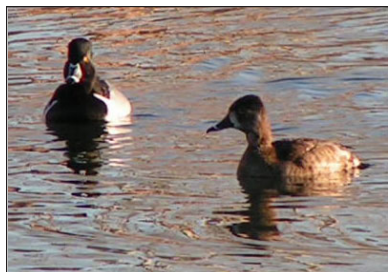
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# DISPATCH

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park



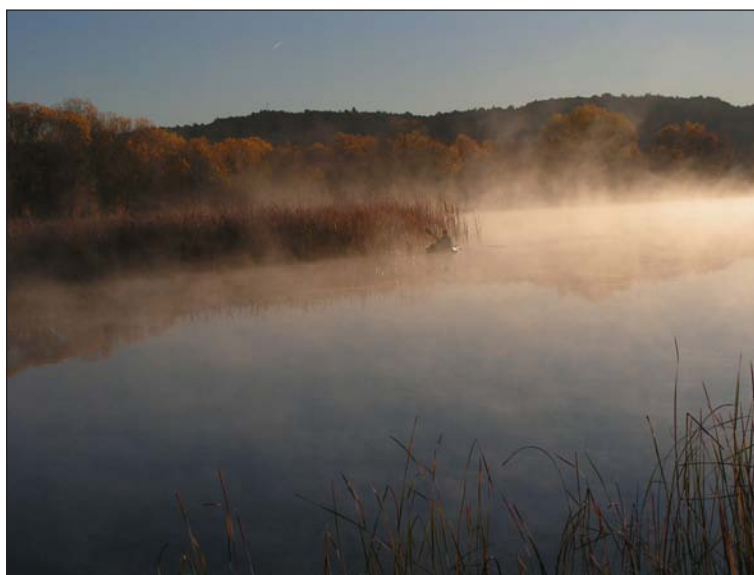
## Winter Reflections of DHRSP Lagoons



(left to right) Golden Eagle, Blue Heron, Ringneck ducks, Coots and (?) ducks, grace the waters of the Lagoons in early morning.



Fall lagoon picture submitted by Bud Jenkins. (left) Winter lagoon picture submitted by Carolyn Meehan. Pat Hawker is kayaking in the morning mist. (right)



# Volunteer News

## Dates to Remember

### February

2 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway  
♥ 14 - Valentines Day!! ♥  
16 - Presidents Day  
16 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway

### March

2 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway  
16 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway  
20-21 - Arizona State Parks annual Volunteer Venture will be combined with the Site Stewards Conference this year & will be held on March 20 & 21st @ Kartchner Caverns State Park. Planning is underway, and more information will follow as the event gets closer.  
Volunteer Venture @Kartchner Caverns  
30 - Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Greenway

## Coming & Goings

\* Tom & Anne Howe arriving Feb 1st (Raven Maint #1)  
\* Karen & Emerson Trushel arriving Feb 1st to Host Cabins  
\* Frank & Rose Larramore (Red Tail Hawk) will be back Feb 1st



*Little Carol Campbell catches her first fish at the Lagoons*

## Repairing the Beaver Damaged Trails

Youth under the supervision of Yavapai County Juvenile Probation have spent four weeks hauling rock and sand to repair a section of the Verde River trail near the River Day Use area. Eager beavers had destroyed the trail in that area by digging tunnels and dens into the shoreline. An average of seven youths, three supervisors, Ranger Bill Fritz and volunteer Keith Mangels were finishing up the back breaking work Jan. 17.

The kids, all doing community service, hauled "tons of rock, one at a time," Keith said. One of the supervisors, Angela Lafevre, commented that the teens actually had to dig up some of the rocks. Once the shoreline was rebuilt with rock and metal reinforcement, wheelbarrows were used to haul sand (photo 2) to raise the level of the trail above the water.

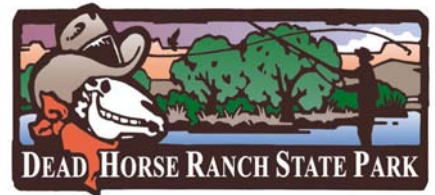
"I can't believe how much work they got done today," Keith said. Angela added that the teens had put in two hours cleaning up at Camp Verde before coming to Dead Horse.

Bill commented to hikers walking their dog that "if you had been here earlier, you'd have been standing in the river." He said the kids were doing a stupendous job on the trail (pictured on right).

*submitted by Nan Hephner*



*Bill Fritz, Angela Lafevre, Keith Mangels*



The January DHRSP Dispatch featured an unknown spider photo. After much research and guessing we have come up with this name... Banded Garden Spider, Argiope trifasciata  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Argiope\\_trifasciata](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Argiope_trifasciata)

### Hi All,

Hope you had a great holiday season. We are doing great down here in Kartchner. But, we are ready to come back to Dead Horse!

Tom & Pam Sanor  
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Doing it Our Way

### From the Park Manager

*It's probably not a surprise to hear that we have been impacted by the effects of the economy slump. State Parks funding has been hit hard and we are forced to cut projects and are taking other measures to reduce spending. One way we can help both the volunteer fund and the park budget is by emailing the Dead Horse Ranch Dispatch to the email addresses we have on file. An emailed DHR Dispatch will also enable you to forward it to your friends and family who may have no idea of what great things you are doing. Please send your preferred email address to: carolynmeehan@comcast.net and cc to Eric at: ebuzonas@azstateparks.gov. Thanks for helping us in this way. If you have no way of receiving or sending email let Eric know by letter and we will continue printing and mailing you a hard copy of the Dispatch for as long as possible.*

*Thanks for your continuing commitment to Dead Horse Ranch and our visitors.*

*Les Bovee, Manager, DHRSP*

Got the newsletter for January its great, loved the Frankenrose, what fun you guys must of had putting that together. Loved to hear what everyone is up to, sure do miss all our "Dead Horse Ranch" buddies. We are in Florida at the moment, staying at Grayton Beach State Park near Destin on the gulf, sure is pretty but they have very limited access to the beaches, which is a shame. We spent a month before Christmas selling christmas trees, learnt a lot and was good fun and the weather was real warm and kind. Not too sure of our next destination be it tomorrow or next week, but that's the nice part of RVing. (In the next email Jeannette wrote: we leave Florida tomorrow for Georgia, border Tennessee and North Carolina will email more soon.) All is well with us. Miss Mollie is showing signs of her age but sends hugs and love to you all at Dead Horse Ranch and misses all you guys. Hope you are all good. Please give our love to everyone and ask Bill (Looney or on the Hill Bill) has his fingers broken!!! Take care and don't forget to let us see copies of your well done hard work, you sure do a great job looks fabulous.

Loads of love Ralph and Jeannette